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Mr. Jason Smathers  
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RE: FOIA Control No: FI-2012-0050

Dear Mr. Smathers:

This letter acknowledges receipt of the referral of your January 20, 2012, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request sent to the Office of Government Ethics (OGE). After the OGE reviewed your request, they forwarded 8 pages that they felt originated at the Department of Transportation's Office of Inspector General (OIG).

Your request has been entered into the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General's FOIA processing system.

We currently have a backlog of FOIA requests which we are working diligently to process on a first-in, first-out basis. Your request will be processed in the order in which it was received. We regret any inconvenience this delay may cause.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact me at (202) 366-6131 or [angel.simmons@oig.dot.gov](mailto:angel.simmons@oig.dot.gov). Any written correspondence should reference the above FOIA control number.

Sincerely,

Angel Simmons  
OIG FOIA/Privacy Act Officer